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Dear Friend of Cornell Cooperative Extension:

Welcome to Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie and Otsego Counties. Since 1914 in Otsego County and 1916 in Schoharie County, we have continued our century-long mission of providing know-how and resources that improve the lives of New Yorkers by engaging directly with families and youth at their homes, on their farms, and in their communities. This association with the resources of Cornell Colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Human Ecology, other Land-Grant Universities throughout the fifty states, the New York Agricultural and Cornell Experiment Stations, the United States Department of Agriculture as the federal parent organization of cooperative extension, and other county extension offices are cooperative partners that allow us to create value for county residents.

Please read through our program accomplishments that are highlighted in the report which follows. They represent accomplishments of our educators and are but examples of the breadth of activities.

For a county Extension client, whether an agricultural producer, a home gardener, a youth or adult participating in 4-H youth development, a resident seeking means for stretching family resources through our Expanded Food Nutrition Program, perhaps a school food service manager wanting the farm-to-school initiative locally, or a resident seeking informational resources for his or her family, Cornell Cooperative Extension educators in Cobleskill and Cooperstown and regional team educators provide know-how for the profitability and sustainability of producers and for the growth and betterment of youth, families, and communities.

We offer many programs and resources in our core areas of agriculture and horticulture, 4-H youth development, family and consumer science, and agricultural economic development. We invite your participation as a youth or adult, as a learner or volunteer. Learn more about Cornell Cooperative Extension by visiting our website, http://cceschoharie-otsego.org. Kindly contact our staff educators or me with questions you may have. Thank you.

Don Smyers
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Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie and Otsego Counties
Dairy Strong!

Seventy-seven Otsego County youth enrolled in the 4-H Dairy Science project in 2017. In addition to individual club programs, county-wide 4-H dairy programs included Dairy Bowl, Dairy Challenge, Dairy Judging, Dairy Clinic, 4-H Calf Sale, County/State Fair and Dairy Feast. Many Otsego County 4-H members have been selected as participants of the Pro-Dairy Youth program.

Dairy Bowl, Dairy Challenge, and Dairy Judging: 4-Hers Have the Answers

4-H Dairy Bowl participants face off with the Otsego County Representatives

4-H adult leaders are the coaches of winning teams at the district, state, and national level! These events prepare youth with knowledge for animal husbandry, the dairy industry, dairy management, and problem solving. Team members gain confidence, and are better prepared for higher education. The annual 4-H Dairy Feast is the time to recognize 4-H members for their accomplishments.

Training to Show

4-H Dairy Clinic – learning how to clip a cow

The dairy clinic is hands-on training for youth to learn how to prepare themselves and their animals for the show ring. Proceeds from the 4-H Calf Sale provides the funds that support the 4-H Dairy Program.

Dairy Leaders Start Here

4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl participants face off with the Otsego County Representatives

The PRO-DAIRY Youth Program at Cornell College of Agriculture and Life Science provides opportunities for young people to learn about careers in the dairy industry through educational programming as well as hands-on opportunities. Participants develop their interest, enthusiasm, knowledge and leadership skills necessary for creating a successful career in the dairy industry. The Junior DAIRY LEADER program is for teens with an interest in exploring careers in the dairy industry through hands-on experiential learning. The Beginning DAIRY LEADER program gives teens entering the sophomore year the opportunity to explore post-secondary agricultural education and career opportunities.

Youth Showing What They Learned

In 2017 there were 51 4-H Dairy exhibitors in 218 classes at the Otsego County Fair. 4-H volunteers coordinate the week-long event, from stall assignments to show-day programs, line ups, clerking, to ring side clean up. Ten youth and their animals advanced to State Fair, and one teen and animal to World Dairy Expo.
4-Hers Earn Their Animals

The purpose of the 4-H Earn-An-Animal Project is to: 1) give youth the opportunity to start a 4-H livestock/agribusiness project, 2) purchase a quality animal, 3) learn business practices.

Interested youth must complete an application, provide references, and have a face-to-face interview to determine their interest and commitment to the 4-H Earn-an-Animal program. Youth selected receive grant monies to be applied to the purchase of animals.

The hands-on experience of this project allows youth to learn important personal life skills and successful agribusiness practices. A few examples of life skills gained are goal setting, deadlines, applying for an award, interviewing, research (on the animal desired), keeping records, and management of animal’s health. This 4-H program provides opportunities for young people to develop life skills for a successful future in agriculture and beyond.

Historically, the 4-H Earn-an-Animal Program was started in Otsego County in 1983 as a breeding program to purchase registered dairy animals. In 1979 the program was expanded to include 4-H Beef animals and, more recently, all animals and approved ag ventures.

Learning Hands On

Parents and students find value in CCE 4-H After School Program located in both Schoharie and Cobleskill-Richmondville Central Schools. The program is parent funded. Paying it forward, former student participants have gone on to become paid 4-H Interns in both programs.

Students in the program have fun. Offering a unique opportunity for “hands-on learning,” the After School Program, with its foundation in 4-H traditions, builds on what youth have learned during the school day, explores new interests, develops relationships with caring adults, and assists youth in acquiring life skills in leadership, teamwork, and critical thinking necessary to meet the challenges of adolescence and adulthood. Licensed by the New York State Office of Family and Children Services and administered by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schoharie & Otsego Counties, the program helps fill the growing need for quality child care and provides a safe place for children to be themselves.
Learning by Doing

This year was a first for 4-H After School youth at the Cobleskill Sunshine Fair. Select After School Students, along with Activity Leader Elaine Davenport, demonstrated crocheting skills learned during the school year. Learning by doing, the program model for 4-H, encouraged the learning and sharing with many county fair visitors.

From Seeds to Store

Once again this year the Golub Corporation offered Schoharie County 4-H youth the chance to grow, harvest, and earn up to $500 while marketing their own vegetables at area Price Chopper stores. Participating youth were able to select different types of squash and pumpkins to grow, develop a garden plan, and select, prepare, and market their produce.

Animal Crackers

Schoharie County’s Thomas traveled to Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, on May 6, to attend the 4-H Animal Crackers Horse Diggety Dog! The annual program provides New York youth with fun, hands-on, and science-oriented learning experiences on animal science topics. This workshop is for 4-H members interested in learning more about their favorite livestock and companion or pet animal species. Participants learned different aspects of animal care by interacting with presenters in hands-on workshop sessions for each species group using the unique facilities of Cornell University.

Goats, Goats, and More Goats

Showing a goat takes work and dedication, but it becomes a rewarding experience for youth as they learn animal showmanship. To show a goat, a 4-Her needs to select an animal, provide care for it, maintain a 4-H project record on the goat, and present his or her goat to a show judge during competition. In preparation of showing at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair, county 4-H youth attended a clinic for learning showmanship techniques and animal preparation.
Behind the Scene: Beyond Public Presentations

The 4-H Theater Guild is providing a unique venue for 4-H members to experience Communication Arts and creatively build on the foundation of 4-H Public Presentations. Youth of all ages (5-19) learn how to express themselves in and out of character. In a few weeks theater can transform a shy introverted youth to a main stage actor!

Most youth will not go on to be professional actors, but 4-H youth will be recognized as better communicators with important life skills. A few examples of life skills gained in 4-H Theater are:

- verbal and literacy skills
- listening skills
- job skills (stage manager, props, backdrops, sound board, lighting, finances)
- self-confidence and courage
- humility (support role)
- dealing with others
- time management (balancing school work and production time)
- dealing with the unexpected

In 2017 the 4-H Theater Guild’s production of Alice in Wonderland was youth directed!

Dogs and 4-H Masters Learn the Ropes

Dog obedience is defined as the training of a dog to obey certain commands. In 4-H this training is a team effort between youth handlers and their project animals. Seven Schoharie County youth attended 4-H Dog Obedience this spring and summer, a program that teaches dogs and young handlers basic obedience and enables them to demonstrate their handling skills at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair.
Experiencing Government Firsthand

Fourteen area high school students from four county schools participated in the 4-H Legislative Intern Program. The Legislative Intern Program is sponsored by the 4-H Program of Schoharie County Cornell Cooperative Extension. Students meet monthly to participate in seminars, discuss current government and citizenship related issues, tour county offices, visit the New York State Capitol, meet with elected officials and department heads, and learn firsthand how government works.

Shine at Showing

The Schoharie County Sunshine Fair provides 4-H youth an opportunity to display projects, demonstrate skills learned through project work, and show project animals. By exhibiting, youth showcase their personal growth, accomplishment, social interaction, responsibility, and 4-H teamwork. This year 91 Schoharie County 4-H members showed their 4-H projects at the 2017 Schoharie County Sunshine Fair with entries in 515 animal classes, 428 non-animal classes, and club displays. More than 50 youth took the stage with their project animals in the costume class, while 37 youth competed in dairy and livestock judging.

Know Your Equine Science

The term “hippology” comes from the Greek “hippo,” meaning horse, and “ology,” meaning the study of. Horse Hippology is an activity which enhances learning for 4-H members by letting them exhibit their knowledge and understanding of equine science and husbandry in a friendly competitive setting. On April 29, two Schoharie County 4-H members, Marilyn and Krista, participated in Regional Horse Hippology Competition at Tamarac High School in Rensselaer County.
Youth and Livestock Take the Stage

Since 1947, The Farmers’ Museum has collaborated with Cornell Cooperative Extension’s 4-H program to produce the Junior Livestock Show, the second-largest youth livestock competition in New York State. This year twenty-one Schoharie County 4-H members showed their livestock—six goats, eleven dairy cows, two beef cows, two sheep, and two swine at the 70th Annual Junior Livestock Show at the Iroquois Farm Showgrounds, held in Cooperstown, NY.

Study to Compete

The Horse Quiz Bowl contest provides an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H horse projects to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting which provides educational experiences for both participants and spectators. Teams of four or five 4-Hers from one county compete with youth from other counties in a game-show format and answer questions related to equine subjects in a series of senior, junior, or novice rounds.
Cardiac Engineering?

Q. If you were 15 years old and intrigued by Cardiac Engineering, where would you go to explore your career interest?

A. 4-H Career Explorations at Cornell University!

Six Otsego County 4-H teenagers joined hundreds (391) of NY teens to explore a world of careers, June 27-29, 2017. The Career Explorations conference is an annual event targeting career discovery in 4-H’s areas of healthy living, leadership, citizenship and STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). Cornell University hosts and provides three days for youth to be introduced to academic fields and explore career interests. Teens experience college life at Cornell University and look into future career paths.

While Otsego County 4-H teens were working in the cardiac lab with microscopes and dissecting a pig heart, others were launching rockets, calibrating watershed models, programming robots and experimenting with nanoparticles and polymers. Cornell faculty, staff, and graduate students in 27 Cornell departments provided youth access to career fields.

Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H program provides the opportunity for teens to explore career paths at Career Explorations and introduces youth to Cornell University.

The 4-H Pledge
“I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living for my club, my community, my country and my world.”
Sowing the Seeds of Service

Active in 46 states and coordinated by local county Cooperative Extension Offices, the Master Gardener Program is a national volunteer program initially developed in 1973 by the Washington State Cooperative Extension System. Through a partnership of Cooperative Extension and interested local residents who are trained as volunteers, Master Gardeners extend outreach services and programs to residents utilizing accurate, research-based horticultural information and solutions.

The term “Master Gardener” has become synonymous with a knowledgeable individual, provided with in-depth horticultural training, working to enhance their community. Master Gardener Volunteers are not expected to have professional training in gardening and landscaping, but they do need to enjoy people and plants and have a genuine interest in sharing their knowledge and time.

In Otsego County, Master Gardener Volunteers have provided the following activities:

- Conducted a garden helpline at CCE and at the Farmers’ Markets in Oneonta and Cooperstown
- Set up multiple exhibits for the public awareness and education
- Wrote news articles
- Provided education, support, and assistance in community horticultural projects, some examples include the GROW Initiative collaborations with the Laurens Town Library,

Otsego Master Gardeners on Helpline, Summer 2017; rear to front, Mary Ellen Calla, Betsy Sywetz, and Paul Mendelston

The Joy of Life Garden in Worcester, the Oneonta Community Garden, the Worcester Library Raised-bed Garden for Pollinators, and the Girl Scout Memory Garden at Fortin Park.

- Conducted horticultural and environmental outreach through workshops and events
- Established public demonstration gardens at CCE’s Cooperstown Education Center which include the All-America Selections plantings
- Funded and supported several school gardens

In Schoharie County, Master Gardener Volunteers have provided the following activities:

- Conduct horticultural workshops throughout the program year
- A National Seed Swap Event at the Middleburgh Public Library
- Worm Composting for Parents and Children, Large & Small Fruit Pruning (Middlefield Orchard), Jamin’ for Jams—Making Jams & Jellies, and Hops for Homeowners
- Held its Annual Plant Sale fundraiser
- Provided educational outreach at the following events: Cobleskill Area Home & Garden Show, Schoharie County Maple Festival, Dairy Berry Day, and the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair, and putting a positive spin on an otherwise disconcerting message about invasive species by emphasizing “Plant Wise NY: Know Before You Grow”—native and non-invasive alternatives to ornamental plants.
In the 2017 program year, 28 active Otsego County and 15 active Schoharie County Master Gardener Volunteers provided Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schoharie and Otsego Counties and residents with 3167 volunteer service hours. In New York State, volunteer service is valued at $28.06 an hour. At the state rate, Master Gardeners have contributed $88,866.02 of volunteer service, sowing the seeds for more beautiful and healthier communities.

Color in the Northeast Garden

The first Master Gardener Fall Symposium and Luncheon, held September 30, and hosted by Otsego County Master Gardener Volunteers, brought 88 avid gardeners together from six states and Canada for a lively presentation of colors in the northeast year-round garden. Margaret Roach and Kerry Ann Mendez, two nationally recognized speakers, shared their skills and outlooks. Roach’s talk was delivered with what she whimsically calls a dose of “horticultural how-to and woo woo.” Mendez focused on time-saving gardening techniques, workhorse plants, and organic gardening practices.

Harvesting History and founder Barbara Melera, event co-sponsor, provided each participant a gift bag of seeds—mostly heirloom—representative of the firm’s products. The symposium speakers inspired participants with their books, “Non-stop Plants: A Garden for 365 Days” and “A Thrifty Gardener’s Guide to Luxurious Gardens,” while gardeners enjoyed a buffet luncheon at the Otesaga Resort Hotel in Cooperstown.

A silent auction of locally donated, nature-themed and garden inspired art was held during the luncheon with proceeds to support Otsego County Master Gardener Volunteers’ community garden projects and educational outreach programs.

Garden on Display

CCE with Otsego County Master Gardeners has been chosen as one of 200 gardens nationwide as an All-America Selections (AAS) Display Garden. Founded in 1932, AAS promotes new garden varieties having superior garden performance as judged in impartial North American garden trials. AAS Display Gardens provide an opportunity for the public to view the newest AAS-designated selections in an attractive, well-maintained setting.

In July the public was invited to a garden party and variety trials open house at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center in Cooperstown, NY. Visitors were able to tour the All-America Selections, compare varieties, and receive information on gardening with the summer’s challenging weather.
“Growing and improving,” said Bill Gibson, CCE Educator and Coordinator of the CNY Beef Producers. “That’s our motto, and we’ve taken many steps to meet buyers’ expectations.” Considering the challenges of collaborative beef marketing, Bill’s words are not taken lightly. He and colleagues Dr. Mike Baker, Cornell Beef Specialist; Ashley McFarland, CNY Livestock Specialist; MacKenzie Waro, Harvest NY; a representative from the USDA-Agricultural Marketing Service; and a core group of beef producers from CNY are a formidable team. They now are recognized by other producers and buyers for the production protocol that has brought the intended premium pricing for most of the nearly 200 steers and heifers sold in two tele-auctions in 2017. Along with premium pricing, positive outcomes are driven by repeat producers offering additional animals for the auctions and by repeat buyers (and additional buyers) who are drawn by the consistent quality of this livestock, and which are becoming available in larger, more desirable lot sizes. They’re catching on; stay tuned for the April 2018, auction.

“In the Zone” Learning

Each spring the Otsego County Master Gardeners present Spring Garden Day in conjunction with the Earth Festival, sponsored by Otsego County Conservation Association. With “Gardening in the Zone” as the event theme, participants learned about choosing plants and techniques for the conditions in which gardens grow—both are important considerations for gardening in upstate New York. Participants attended workshops throughout the day while enjoying Earth Day activities.
Team Efforts Bring Farm Results

The Central New York Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Team was formed to work with the agricultural industry. The mission of this extension team is to provide high quality educational programs that address the needs of dairy, livestock, and field crop producers in Chenango, Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Otsego, Saratoga, and Schoharie Counties. The team consists of Dave Balbian, Area Dairy Specialist; Ashley McFarland, Livestock Specialist, and Kevin Ganoe, Field Crop Specialist.

Current Issues Addressed by the Team:
• Introduce the principles of Precision Feed Management to provide cows the necessary nutrients to maintain profitability and environmental sustainability
• Help farm operators improve cow comfort and health and increase labor efficiency through remodeling or building new dairy facilities.
• Bring to dairy producers the latest information regarding dairy nutrition.
• Assist crop producers with species selection and developing profitable crop rotations while emphasizing the use of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques.
• Provide training on nutrient management so producers make the best use of plant nutrients while protecting the environment.

Vegetables for Breakfast?

Cornell Cooperative Extension’s Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) was established by the USDA in 1968 as a pilot project in response to the increasing recognition of poverty in America and the link between poverty and malnutrition. In 1969, EFNEP was funded as a permanent program with Smith-Lever 3(d) funds, a line item in the United States Farm Bill.

The program has been active in Schoharie County since its inception. The first EFNEP educator in New York State, Betty Baker, was hired in Schoharie County to teach nutrition to a rural low income audience. Over the years there have been changes, but the program remains true to its basic premises. Today this program assists income-eligible families with children to improve health by participating in free, home-based, nutrition-education lessons intended to help parents, children, and caregivers develop healthy eating and fitness choices for life.

In the 2017 the EFNEP program served 107 families comprised of 424 people, 214 of which were children living in the three-county service area of Schoharie, Otsego, and Montgomery Counties.

Here’s what participants said about their hands-on nutrition lessons:
• A single dad with a teenage daughter wanted to learn some simple meals so he could become more comfortable in the kitchen.
• Lesson 3: “Making fruit smoothies was easy; next time I make them I want to try adding some veggies as well.”
• Lesson 4: “I made a smoothie with spinach added in, and my daughter loved it; she had it for breakfast.”
• Lesson 7: “Now my daughter is making her own smoothies, and eating breakfast more.”
• A single mom living with caregiving grandmother and ten-year-old daughter requested the program after the child had been directed by a physician to manage her weight better.
• Lesson 3: Mom said, “I am making sure a vegetable is offered at each meal.”
• Lesson 5: Grandma said, “I have been doing less frying of foods and baking or roasting instead. The new recipes and lessons helped a lot.” During the four months that the family participated in the lessons, the young girl lost ten pounds, which the family credits to their combined commitment to making the healthier choices they learned more about in their lessons.

Clearly EFNEP makes a difference!
Consumers and Producers

What is the Schoharie Valley Farm to School project? The Farm to School program advocates for the purchase of produce grown locally by farmers on small- to medium-sized farms to be served in local K-12 schools and colleges. These local farm products can then be incorporated into meals plans following the New York State guidelines used by food service workers to make nutritious breakfasts, lunches, and snacks for students. In order to do this, Farm to School has reached out to both the consumers—students and their families—and to producers—local food service workers and local farmers.

This summer six Farm to School events were held at a local farmers’ market. The message to the students was the importance of eating healthy, especially eating fresh produce. This was accomplished with a scavenger hunt which culminated in a reward of a fresh piece of fruit. While this was happening the Farm to School educator had a chance to inform family members about the Farm to School program, and to network with other stakeholders—local farmers and leaders, and even staff members from New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and another Farm to School program.

The culmination of our two year Farm to School grant cycle will be a workshop for the producers—local farmers and food service managers. To provide this workshop experience, Cornell Cooperative Extension’s Farm to School educator, Regina Tillman-Scott, partnered with SUNY Cobleskill and the New York State School Nutrition Association. This event will be held on January 4, 2018, focusing on bringing together producers and buyers. Education specific to each group will be provided along with a chance to integrate this information. The workshop is also open to other community members in hopes of broadening the reach of the Farm to School message, “seeing that our school children are fed fresh local foods each and every day.”

Cook Together, Eat Together

Association EFNEP Nutrition Educator Michelle Leveski worked in partnership with Bassett Research Institute’s 5210 Program; RHSENSOM-Rural Health Education Network of Schoharie, Otsego, and Montgomery Counties; and the American Heart Association to create a number of audience-targeted educational nutrition programs.

For example, when asked about her successes with the Sneaker Programs at Cobleskill Extension Center, Cooking with Kids at CRCS–Ryder Elementary, and the Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program currently in Edmundston, NY, Michelle had this to say:

“The hands-on aspect of our EFNEP program lessons are part of it, but just as important is teaching parents and children together. It gives them a chance to share skills and to learn from each other and encourages them to cook and eat family meals at home.”

Here are what participants had to say:

• “I made healthier choices in the cafeteria at work and made sure to watch portion sizes, and I’m walking in the halls at work for exercise on my breaks.”

• “My daughter asked me to buy chickpeas. She had tried them on her salad at the lesson last week and loved them.”

• “We started walking together most nights as a family. We’re enjoying the time together and getting exercise.”

• “I have been planning my meals for a week at a time now and batch cooking. I find we eat so much healthier now that I’m planning ahead.”

EFNEP makes a difference! For more information about nutrition and EFNEP, call the Extension Center in Cobleskill.
Once again Family Farm Day (FFD) proved to be a signature agri-tourism event for both counties. The event provides local farms and other businesses an opportunity to welcome visitors to the region and to showcase/sell products, provide samples, give tours, answer questions, and host activities and/or demonstrations. Funding is raised from sponsors and local tourism to produce an event that is free for all visitors and at relatively low cost for participating farms. The goal is to raise awareness of the diversity of farm, food, and beverage products in the Catskill Region of CNY, and promote local agriculture that will enhance regional economic development activity.

New this year were procedures agreed upon by participating farmers to help CCE collect data from visitors and participating farmers themselves—this being year five for Schoharie with 20 farms and two farmers’ markets and year two for Otsego with 15 farms and three farmers’ markets. Altogether, there totaled nearly 5,400 farm visits in both counties. Thus with the average number of visits at 2.7 farms per person, between 1,800 and 2,000 people participated this year.

Looking at 2018, David prepared a Planning and Implementation Process, a franchise-like proposal that clearly outlines expectations of counties (Schoharie, Otsego, and Delaware) willing to participate. The purpose is to improve the planning and implementation of FFD in the region (Northern Catskill Foothills) while maintaining, if not growing, interest among sponsors, farms, and visitors.
Harvest NY Connects

Harvest NY Specialists develop educational programs that increase agricultural investments, profitability, and sustainability. They play a vital role to New York State agriculture by bringing together industry stakeholders to respond to emerging trends, connecting them to Cornell University research and training, and production support provided by the Cornell Cooperative Extension regional agriculture teams.

MacKenzie Waro, Livestock Processing and Marketing Specialist, collected data and information from 53 (of 67) USDA red meat packing plants with slaughter component in NY, northern Pennsylvania, and all of New England. These plants are included in a larger research project entitled “Overcoming Supply Chain Barriers to Expanding Northeast Ruminate Meat Production”—a partnership among Cornell University, Tufts University, and Design & Urbanism Architectural LLC and funded by USDA. The results will be available by late winter 2018.

May 2017 marked the first Cured Meats Workshop for Harvest NY and the Cornell Dairy Foods Extension Program. Topics addressed were the history of charcuterie, whole-hog breakdown, hands-on fabrication, knot tying, and preliminary steps of cured-meat production. Day two’s focus was grinding and the production of specialty products—all at the Cornell’s state-of-the-art food science facility in Stocking Hall.

Earlier in spring, HNY partnered with SUNY Cobleskill to teach approximately 40 participants on beef, pork, and lamb cuts, food safety, meat marketing, and meat labeling regulations. Also, the workshop provided hands-on experience breaking down carasses and utilizing whole carasses when cooking. More workshops are planned for 2018.

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